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little bit more discussion this morning about LB 400, and I believe that that is enough of a background and I will speak again later. Thank you for the opportunity to...to bring everybody back up to speed.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Thank you, Senator Brown. Mr. Clerk, do you have a motion?

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Jensen had moved to indefinitely postpone the bill last May. Senator, that motion is now pending.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Chair recognizes Senator Jensen.

SENATOR JENSEN: Mr. Lieutenant Governor, members of the body and Mr. Clerk, I would respectfully withdraw that IPP motion.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Motion is withdrawn. We're now back to further discussion on LB 400. Chair recognizes Senator Baker.

SENATOR BAKER: Thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor and members. I can't get my computer to work this morning. I don't know what I'm doing wrong, but I'm not quite sure where we are on this bill. I have my same old notes from last year. Senator Brown brought it back; I'm back. I still have the same place mat I had a meeting with some people in North Platte back in the 17th of February of last year. My note says it failed to advance on the 26th of February and here we are back again at this thing. Have the same basic questions, that being do the increase in requirements assure better childcare? And I have heard back from some of the same people that I heard last session on that the 12 hours is adequate and it's a lot of repetition on the...on the additional hours required. It's duplicative. They don't think that it's going to make anybody any more a better child-care provider that's not already doing more than they are doing now. I have a sister here in Lincoln who runs childcare, has for years and years and years and, to be honest with you, she's the one that's advising me on this so...and I'm sure some of you in here know her and certainly in the Capitol. done an excellent job and she continually points out that just because you require some more educational hours isn't going to